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As of 8am word from the field regarding Silvertton/Gold King Site status:

Flow from the mine is now controlled but is still discharging to Cement Creek.

The plan is to build a pond today to contain it. There is plenty of caustic soda and flocculent on-site to provide treatment once the pond is built.

Field crews are going to "ground-truth" whether the 1200 gpm is the correct flow number or not.

At 8am, OSC Griswold was driving past Silvertton on his way to Durango and reported the Animas River is clearing up. It is cloudy but no longer red.

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